

### **REMARKS**

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

Claims 1-20 remain in this application.

The Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to the patentably distinct species of Figures 3, versus that of Fig(s). 4 versus Fig(s). 5 v Fig(s). 6 v 7 v 8 v 9 v 10 and required that the Applicants elect a species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner also stated "currently, no claim is generic."

**In response, the Applicants elect the species of Fig. 7 for prosecution with traverse.** The Applicants vigorously traverse the Examiner's assertion that currently no claim is generic because the claims as written are all generic. Independent claim 1 describes a fluid dynamic bearing motor assembly, the assembly comprising an inner member, an outer member configured to rotate about a rotational axis at a first angular velocity; and an orbital ring disposed between the inner member and the outer member, the orbital ring configured to rotate about the rotational axis at a second angular velocity, the second angular velocity being less than the first angular velocity. Since all of figures 4 - 10 include the described inner member, outer member, and orbital ring, claim 1 is a generic claim. Specifically:

FIG	Inner Member	Outer Member	Orbital Ring
3	310	306	308
4	408	406	432
5	508	506	532

6	608	606	632
7	708	706	732
8	808	804	832
9	908	904	932
10	1008	1006	1032

The remaining claims 2-20 are also generic for the same reasons.

***Conclusion***

If there are any questions regarding these remarks or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite prosecution of the application.

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